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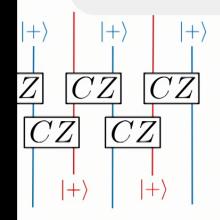
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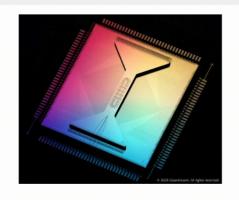
Abstract: Schrodinger's thought experiment famously illustrates the dramatic effect of measuring a quantum state. The resulting wave function collapse is often thought to make states more classical and familiar. However, in this colloquium, we explore how measurements can be used as a chisel to efficiently build exotic forms of quantum entanglement. We focus on topological states of matter, whose quasiparticles exhibit generalized 'anyonic' exchange statistics with potential relevance to quantum computation. We use these ideas to experimentally realize the first controlled realization of non-Abelian anyons, which can remember the sequence in which they are exchanged. The smoking gun signature of this experiment is inspired by the coat of arms of the House of Borromeo.

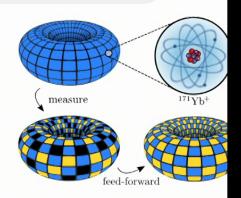
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Measuring in quantum mechanics is a violent act





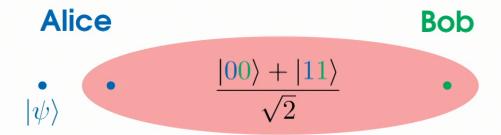




Schrödinger, 1935

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Measurement as a tool: Quantum Teleportation



Bennett et al, 1993

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Measurement as a tool: Quantum Teleportation

N.B.: We write X,Y,Z for the spin-1/2 Pauli matrices

Alice

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$$|\Psi_{a,b}\rangle = Z_1^a X_2^b \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Measure in Bell pair basis

 \rightarrow outcome $a,b \in \{0,1\}$

Bob

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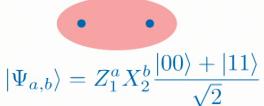
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 $X^b Z^a |\psi\rangle$

Measurement allows us to efficiently perform quantum channels via a classical channel!

Bennett et al, 1993

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Measurement can collapse Schrödinger's cat ... but it can also create a 'cat state'!

$$|GHZ\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|000 \cdots 0\rangle + |111 \cdots 1\rangle)$$

The GHZ state is hard/slow to prepare without measurement due to massive entanglement

(Greenberger, Horne, Zeilinger, 1989)

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massively speed up state preparation!
Can we use this to create exotic
phases of matter???

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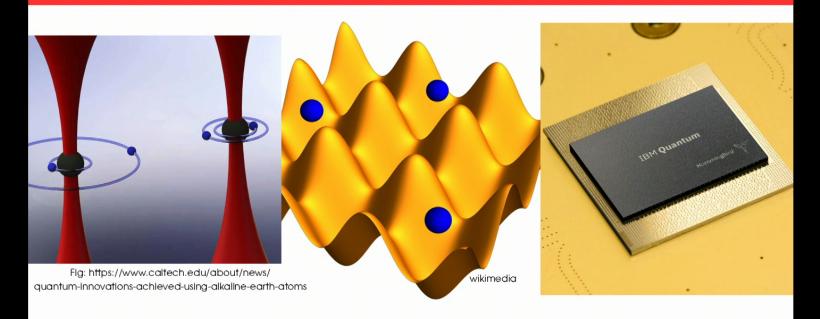
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Quantum devices enter the many-body era!



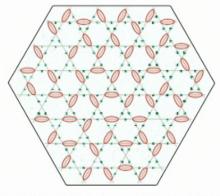
- → significant knowledge of interactions
- → extreme control (tune lattice, parameters, ...)
- → resolved and multi-body measurements

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Signatures of Z_2 topological order in quantum devices

Rydberg atom tweezers

(Lukin lab)



Theory: RV, Lukin, Vishwanath, PRX (2021) Experiment: Semeghini et al, Science (2021)

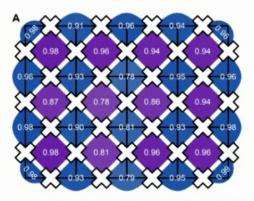
Emergent low-energy physics

(with important non-equilibrium

aspects: Sahay et al, arxiv:2211.01381)

Superconducting qubits

(Google)



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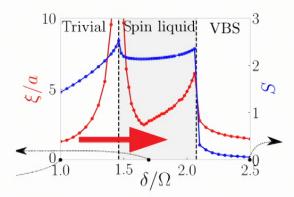
Constructed using unitary circuits

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Experiments highlight new challenges

Rydberg atom tweezers

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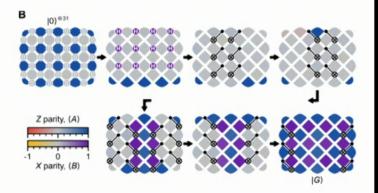
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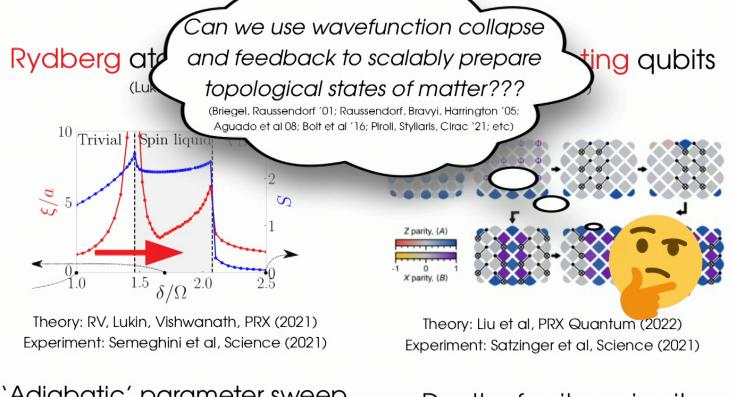
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(Bravyi, Hastings, Verstraete '06)

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Last week: new experimental implementation!

[Submitted on 5 May 2023]

Creation of Non-Abelian Topological Order and Anyons on a Trapped-Ion Processor

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Non-Abelian topological order (TO) is a coveted state of matter with remarkable properties, including quasiparticles that can remember the sequence in which they are exchanged. These anyonic excitations are promising building blocks of fault-tolerant quantum computers. However, despite extensive efforts, non-Abelian TO and its excitations have remained elusive, unlike the simpler quasiparticles or defects in Abelian TO. In this work, we present the first unambiguous realization of non-Abelian TO and demonstrate.

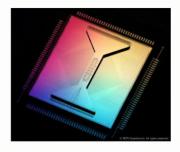
control of its anyons. Using an adaptive circuit on Quantinuum's H2 trapped-lon quantum processor, we cre qubits, with fidelity per site exceeding 98.4%. By creating and moving anyons along Borromean rings in spi braiding process. Furthermore, tunneling non-Abelions around a torus creates all 22 ground states, as well Abelian TO. This work illustrates the counterintuitive nature of non-Abelians and enables their study in qual

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On new 32-qubit processor of Quantinuum/Honeywell

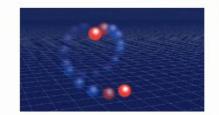


arxiv:2305.03828

Physicists create long-sought topological quantum states

Exotic particles called nonabelions could fix quantum computers' error problem.

Davide Castelvecchi



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Physicists Create Elusive Particles That Remember Their Pasts

By CHARLIE WOOD | MAY 9, 2023 | # 3 | #

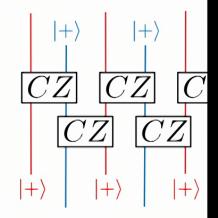
In two landmark experiments, researchers used quantum processors to engineer exotic particles that have captivated physicists for decades. The work is a step toward crash-proof quantum computers.

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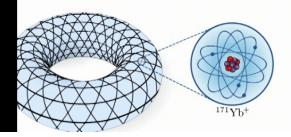
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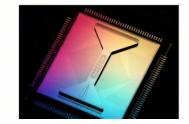
1) Topological Order

2) Measurement-based Protocols



3) Non-Abelians in a Trapped-Ion Processor





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Entanglement = the 'right amount' of superposition

$$|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$$

$$\frac{|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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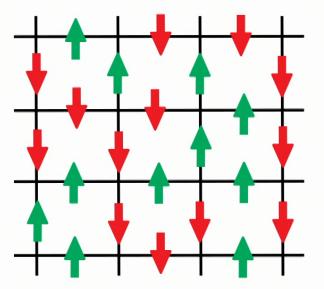
$$\left(\frac{|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle+|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

= maximal superposition with the constraint $\sigma_1^z\sigma_2^z=1$

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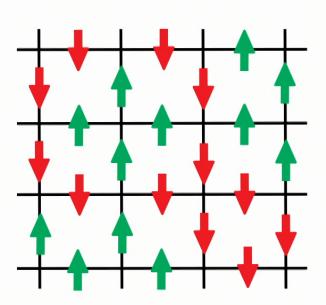
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Consider qubits (i.e., spin-1/2) on bonds of square lattice



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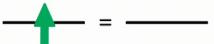
Constraint: even number of down spins around every vertex



$$\sigma^z \frac{\sigma^z}{\sigma^z} = 1$$

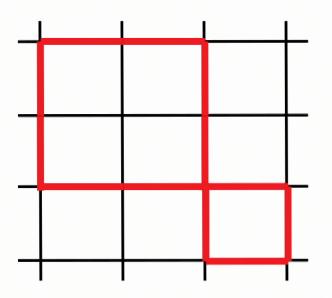
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Graphical notation:



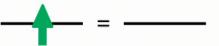


Constraint: only closed loops!



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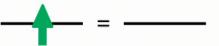
Consider the superposition of all constrained states:

This is the ground state of the toric code Hamiltonian:

$$H = -\sum_{\sigma} \frac{\sigma^z}{\sigma^z} - \sum_{\sigma} \frac{\sigma^x}{\sigma^x} \sigma^x$$
 (Kitaev 1997)

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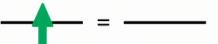
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Similarly can create 'm' and 'f' particles at ends of strings These are NOT bosons! In fact, 'f' is a fermion!!

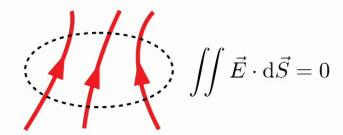
This is a stable property of a (topological) phase of matter!

(Fradkin-Shenker '79, Arovas et al '84, Einarsson '84, Read-Sachdev '91, Wen '91, ...)

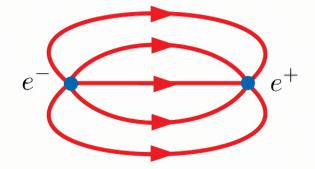
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Deeper perspective: loop states ≈ gauge theory!

Electric field lines are closed in electromagnetic vacuum = Gauss's law



Electric field lines can onlyend and start at charges→ charges created in pairs!



Only difference for toric code: gauge group is \mathbb{Z}_2 not U(1)

Discrete gauge groups give topological order! (Witten '89, Wen '89)

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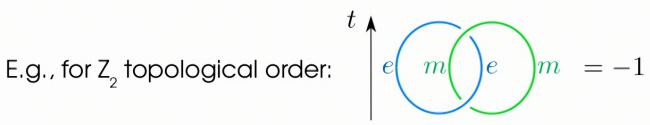
Anyons: generalized exchange statistics

Particles in 2+1D need not be bosons or fermions!

(Leinaas, Myrheim (1977), Wilczek (1982), Halperin; Arovas, et al (1984),)

Anyons = point-like objects with generalized exchange statistics

Abelian anyons pick up a phase factor upon braiding



Realized in fractional quantum Hall states + Google's processor

Nakamura et al., Bartolomei et al., (2020))

Satzinger et al, (2021)

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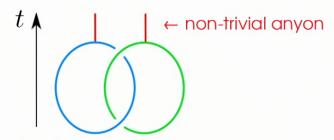
Non-Abelian anyons

More exotic `non-Abelian' anyons have an internal space which transforms non-trivially under braiding

(Witten; Moore and Seiberg; Wen; Moore and Read (1989))

Similar to the internal 'color' label of quarks (SU(3) symmetry)

Consequence: need not fuse back to vacuum!



= working principle of topological quantum computation
(Kitaev '97)

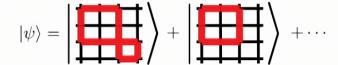
Many models known (Levin-Wen '04),

no clear-cut realization: $\nu=5/2$ FQH comes closest (Willet et al., (2023))

Although see recent Google paper for non-Abelian defects (2023)

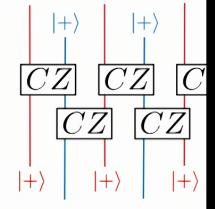
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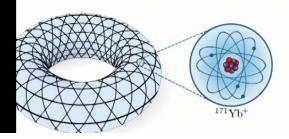


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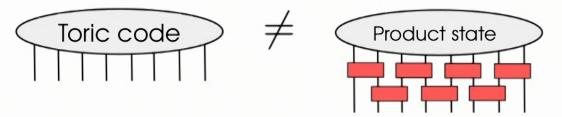
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Constraints imposed by unitarity and locality

Unitary protocols cannot efficiently create topological order

E.g., a finite-depth circuit cannot prepare a toric code!

(Bravyi, Hastings, Verstrate, PRL (2006))



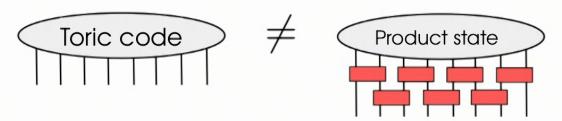
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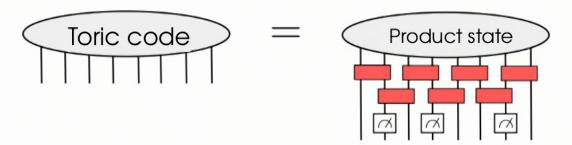
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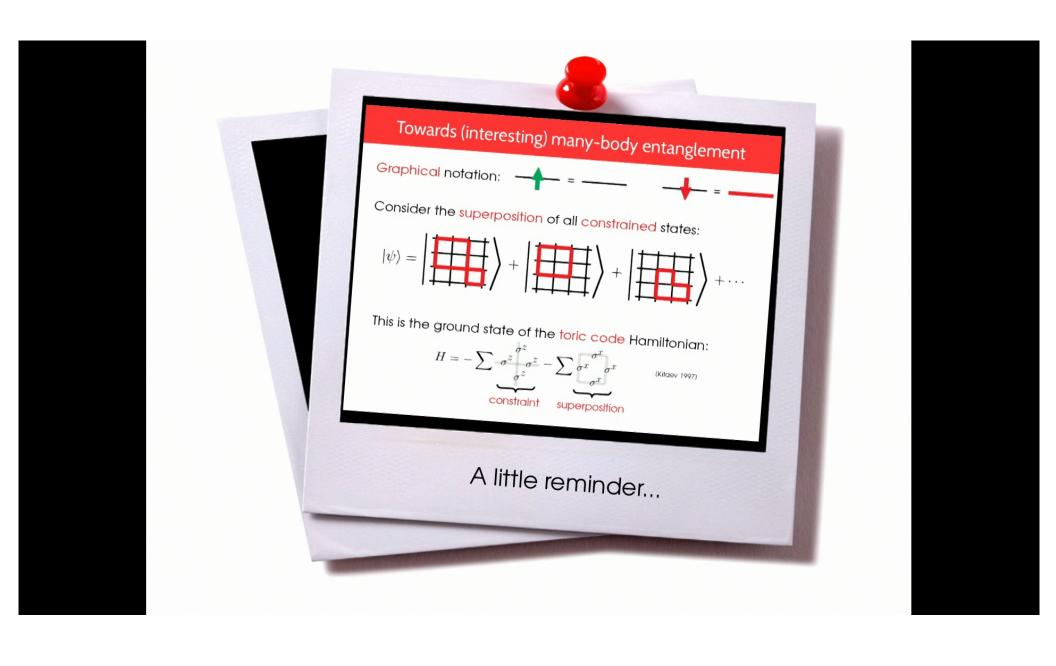


But with measurements we can avoid unitarity constraints!

(Raussendorf, Bravyi, Harrington, '05)



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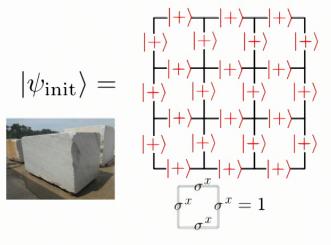
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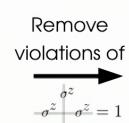
The 'stone carving route' to topological order











 $|\psi\rangle = |\text{toric code}\rangle$

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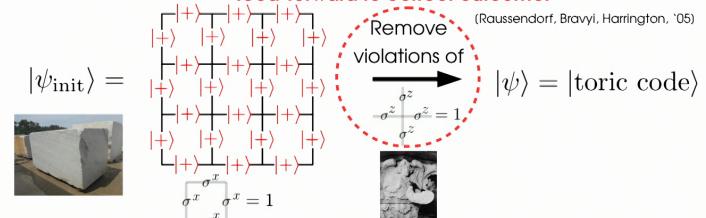






Can be achieved via measurement and

feed-forward to correct outcome!



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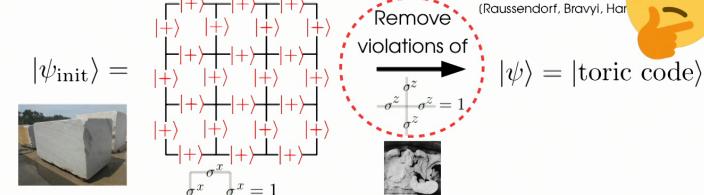




Can this really be done in an experiment?
What types of states can one (not) prepare this way?

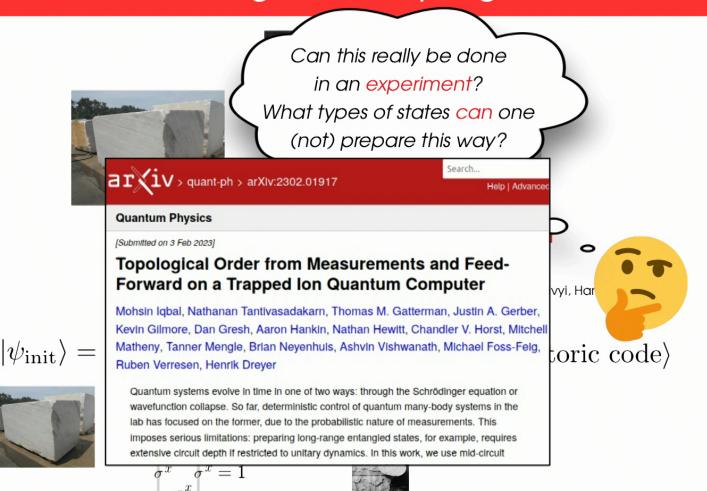
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Non-Abelian states are more difficult to create

The above protocol amounts to:

- 1. measuring e-anyons of Z₂ toric code
- 2. pairing up e-anyons to produce clean state

The latter step crucially relies on there being a simple (Pauli) string operator which creates/annihilates e-anyons

This set-up fails for non-Abelian states!

Non-Abelian anyons cannot be paired up by finite-depth unitary string operator (Shi, 19)

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What states can be efficiently created by measurement?

We found a broad generalization beyond toric-code-type states! Includes certain non-Abelian states!

Tantivasadakarn, Thorngren, Vishwanath, RV, arxiv:2112.01519



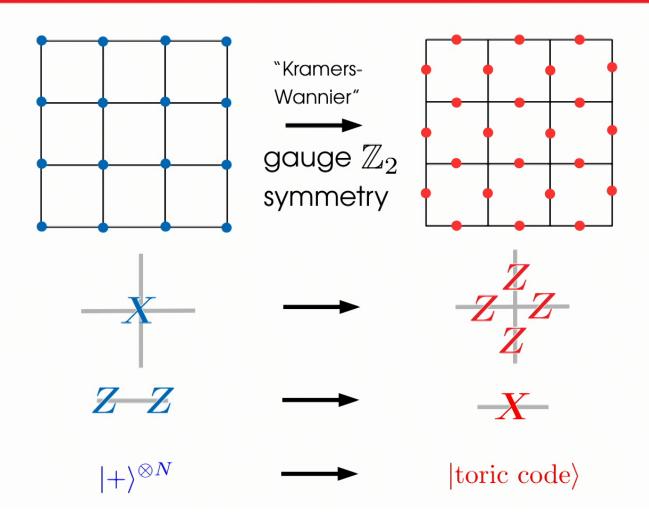
Tantivasadakarn Thorngren Vishwanath

Measurements+feedforward can efficiently implement the gauging map (Kogut 1979) (Sometimes also called 'Kramers-Wannier transformation')

Example of `many-body quantum teleportation'

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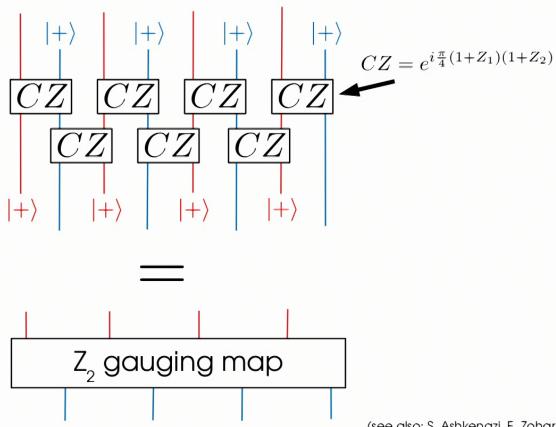
An example of a 'gauging map'



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Implementing the gauging map efficiently!

Nat Tantivasadakarn, Ryan Thorngren, Ashvin Vishwanath, RV, arxiv:2112.01519



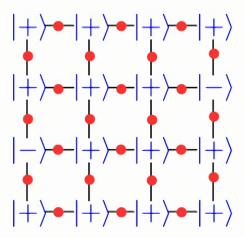
(see also: S. Ashkenazi, E. Zohar, arxiv:2111.04765)

(for any Abelian group we can efficiently fix measurement outcomes!)

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Example: gauging map on the square lattice

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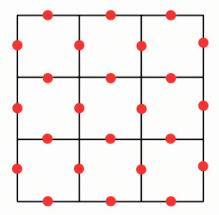


Step 3: measure vertices

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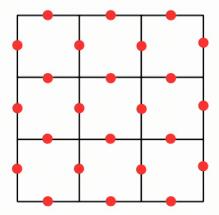
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State preparation of non-Abelian topological states

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(Follow-up work by Bravyi et al, arXiv:2205.01933 extends this logic to efficiently moving anyons!)



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We argue it is impossible to prepare non-Abelian states associated to non-solvable symmetry groups!













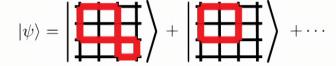
For possible no-go results, see:

Nat Tantivasadakarn, **RV**, Ashvin Vishwanath, arXiv:2209.06202

However, see Lu, Lessa, Kim, Hsieh, PRX Quantum (2022) for log-depth protocols for non-solvable cases

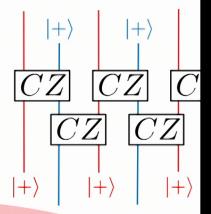
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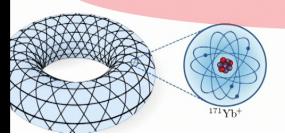


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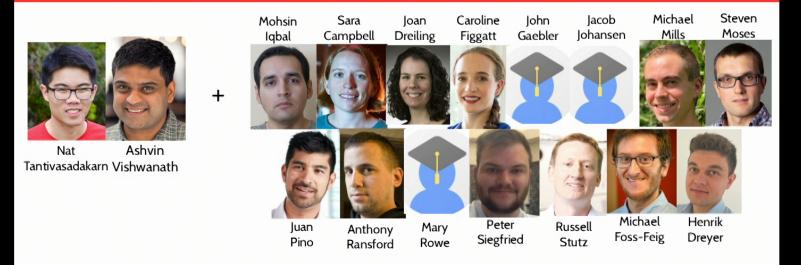
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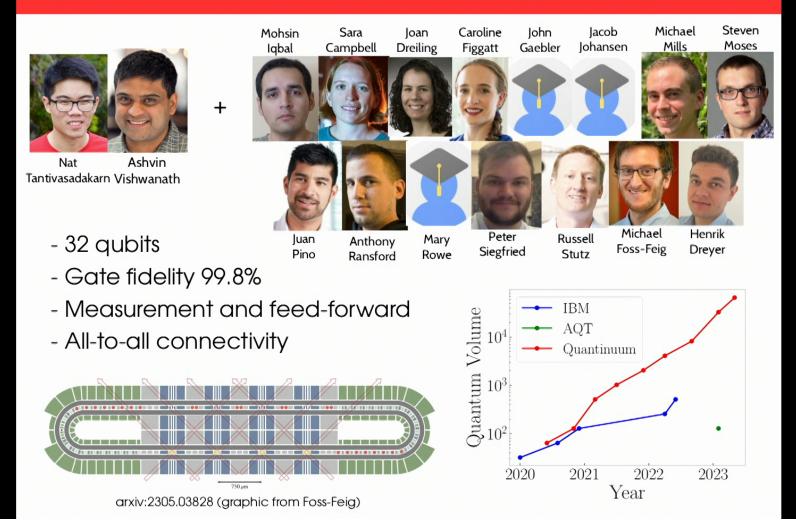
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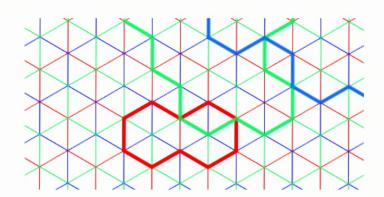
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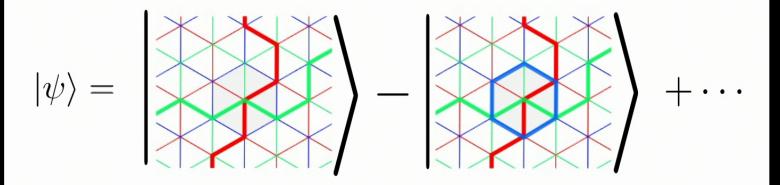
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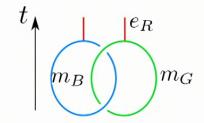
Coupled: blue resonance is negative if red and green intersect!

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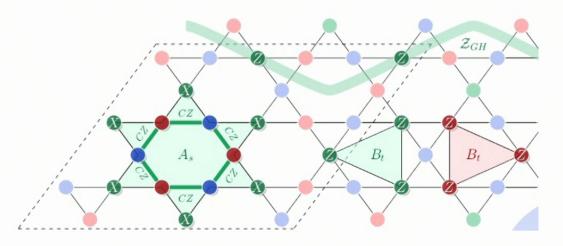
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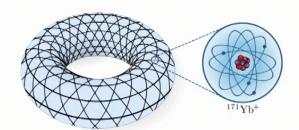
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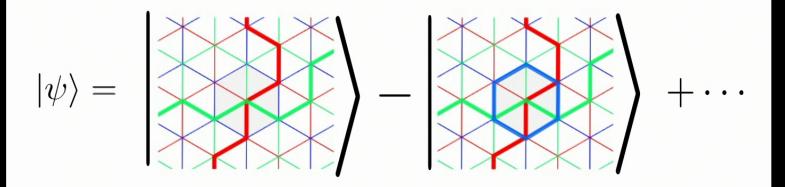
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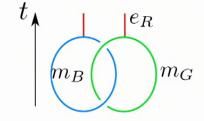
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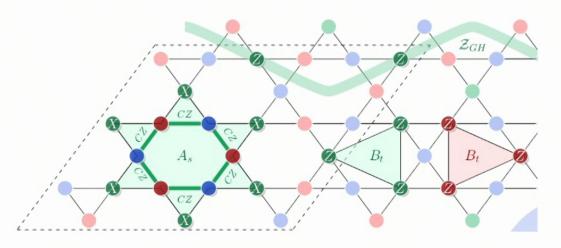
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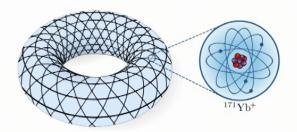
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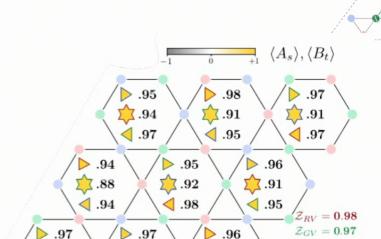
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Preparing non-Abelian state on cold-ion trap

Measure stabilizers of resulting state:

.92

.99



2.94

.97

Global fidelity with ideal state lower bounded by 75%!

.90

4 .96

 $Z_{BV} = 0.97$

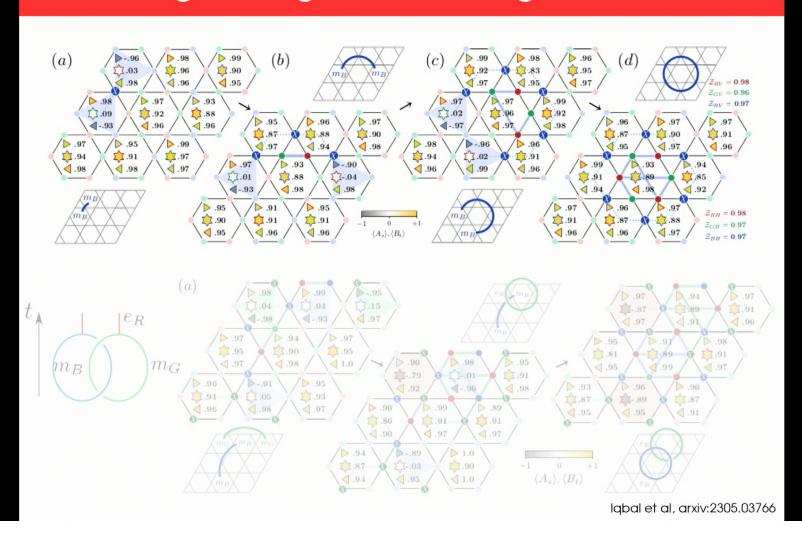
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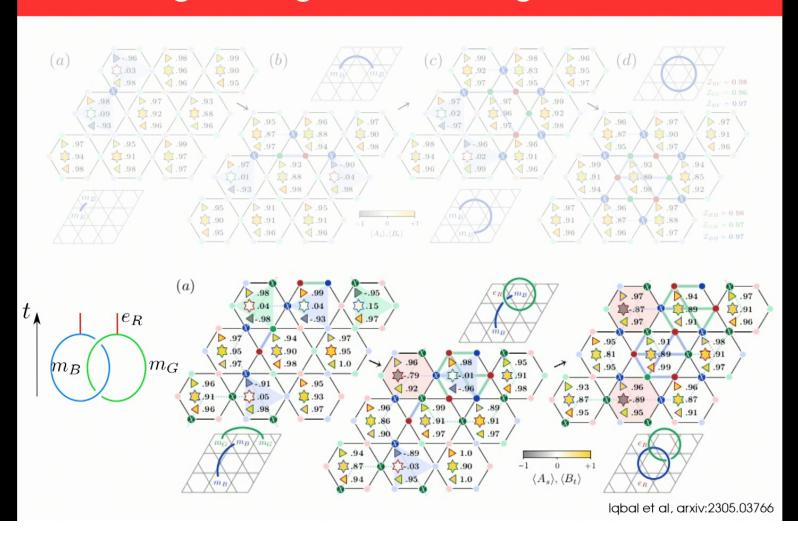
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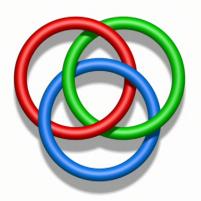
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But there exist non-trivial knots without pairwise linking!





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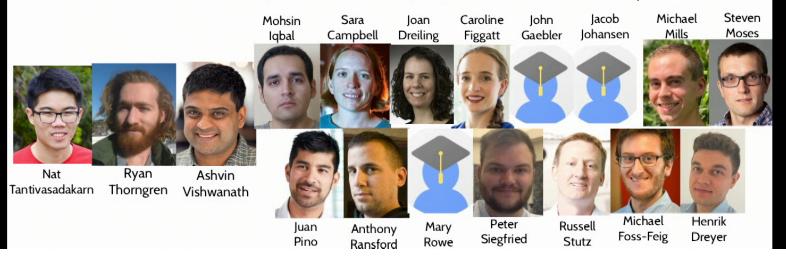
Conclusions and Collaborators

Using measurement opens door to preparing exotic states!

- → achieved in experiment (so far: toric code and D₄ order)
- \rightarrow we also have proposals for more exotic states (e.g., S_3 order)

Open questions and next steps:

- → link between computational power and difficulty in preparing?
 - → no-go proofs for states we cannot create?
 - → active error correction and topological qubits!
- → non-Abelian defects (Anderson et al, Nature (2023)): difference for computation?



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